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DHEC Health Update

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Updated Ebola Information for Healthcare Providers

Summary: The purpose of this DHEC Health Update is to provide notification of new and updated information in CDC guidance for Ebola. The new guidelines and updates are provided for healthcare facilities and providers during the evaluation or management of patients with Ebola virus disease.

New or Updated Resources from the CDC:

1. The Interim Guidance for Environmental Infection Control provides hospitals with guidance in disinfecting for Ebola in patient care areas. This document guides hospitals in recommended PPE for environmental staff, use of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered hospital disinfectant, avoiding contamination of reusable porous surfaces that cannot be made single use, and routine cleaning and disinfection of the PPE doffing area.
 - Interim Guidance for Environmental Infection Control in Hospitals for Ebola Virus (Updated 10/28/14) <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/environmental-infection-control-in-hospitals.html>
2. Case definition for Ebola virus disease Person Under Investigation (PUI) and confirmed case.
 - Case Definition Update (Updated 10/27/14) <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/case-definition.html>
3. Epidemiologic risk factors to consider when evaluating a person for Ebola virus disease (Ebola), classifying contacts, or considering public health actions such as monitoring and movement restrictions based on exposure.
 - Epidemiologic Risk Factors to Consider when Evaluating a Person for Exposure to Ebola Virus (Updated 10/27/14) <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/risk-factors-when-evaluating-person-for-exposure.html>
4. Updated guidance strengthening how people who may have been exposed to Ebola are monitored, how medical professionals should oversee their care and, when warranted to protect the public health or our communities, limit their movement or activities.
 - Fact Sheet: Monitoring Symptoms and Controlling Movement to Stop Spread of Ebola (Updated 10/27/14) <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/fs1027-monitoring-symptoms-controlling-movement.html>
5. Interim guidance updated to establish a "low (but not zero) risk" category; adding a "no identifiable risk" category; modifying the recommended public health actions in the high, some, and low (but not zero) risk categories; and adding recommendations for specific groups and settings.

- Interim U.S. Guidance for Monitoring and Movement of Persons with Potential Ebola Virus Exposure (Updated 10/27/14) <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/monitoring-and-movement-of-persons-with-exposure.html>
6. Guidance on the Emergency Department (ED) evaluation and management of patients who present with possible Ebola Virus Disease. The guidance in this document reflects lessons learned from the recent experiences of U.S. hospitals caring for Ebola patients.
 - Identify, Isolate, Inform: Emergency Department Evaluation and Management for Patients Who Present with Possible Ebola Virus Disease (Updated 10/25/14) <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/ed-management-patients-possible-ebola.html>
 7. Guidance for healthcare workers caring for a suspect or confirmed patient with Ebola. Included in this document are contact numbers for local and state health departments for questions pertaining to a possible case of Ebola.
 - When Caring for Suspect or Confirmed Patients with Ebola (Updated 10/24/14) <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/caring-for-ebola-suspects.html>
 8. Information to hospital-based dialysis providers to help them safely perform renal replacement therapy (hemodialysis) in persons confirmed to have Ebola virus disease (Ebola).
 - Recommendations for Safely Performing Acute Hemodialysis in Patients with Ebola Virus Disease in US Hospitals (Updated 10/23/14) <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/guidance-dialysis.html>

DHEC contact information for reportable diseases and reporting requirements: Reporting of Ebola is consistent with South Carolina Law requiring the reporting of diseases and conditions to your state or local public health department. (State Law # 44-29-10 and Regulation # 61-20) as per the DHEC 2014 List of Reportable Conditions available at: <http://www.scdhec.gov/Library/CR-009025.pdf> Federal HIPAA legislation allows disclosure of protected health information, without consent of the individual, to public health authorities to collect and receive such information for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease. (HIPAA 45 CFR §164.512).

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